

Docket No.: 60188-635



**PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Shuji HIRAO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4984  
Application No.: 10/643,980 : Group Art Unit: 2825  
Filed: August 20, 2003 : Examiner: Caridad Everhart

For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.  
Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	23	20	3	\$18.00 =	\$54.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$88.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$54.00

- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$54.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

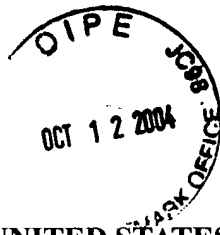
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 12, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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